



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT JAMES R. DOWELL

Chief Master Sergeant James R. Dowell is the Command Chief Master Sergeant, 376th Air Expeditionary Wing, Transit Center at Manas, Kyrgyz Republic. He advises the wing commander on matters influencing the health, welfare and morale and effective utilization of approximately 1,000 military personnel performing the day-to-day operations at the premier air mobility hub supporting military operations in Afghanistan. The wing's mission includes aerial refueling and support for mobility operations to include intra-theater combat airlift, airdrop and aeromedical evacuations

Chief Dowell entered the Air Force in February 1984 and has served as an information manager in Arizona, Greenland, Korea, Okinawa, Kansas, Mississippi and New Jersey. Previously, he served as the command chief, 621st Contingency Response Wing, McGuire AFB, NJ. Chief Dowell has also served as a mission support group superintendent and deployed as the 64th Air Expeditionary Group superintendent in support of Operations IRAQI and ENDURING FREEDOM. He previously deployed in support of Operations DESERT STORM, SOUTHERN WATCH and ENDURING FREEDOM.



### EDUCATION:

- 1984 Administration Specialist (Staff Support) Course, Keesler AFB, Miss. (Honor Graduate)
- 1986 Space Command NCO Preparatory Course, Thule Air Base, Greenland (Distinguished Graduate)
- 1988 Tactical Air Command NCO Leadership School, Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.
- 1990 Associate Degree in General Studies, Pima Community College, Tucson, Ariz.
- 1990 Associate Degree in Administrative Management, Community College of the Air Force
- 1994 NCO Academy, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.
- 1994 Bachelor of Arts in Management, University of Phoenix, Tucson, Ariz.
- 1996 Master of Arts in Management, University of Phoenix, Tucson, Ariz.
- 2000 USAF Senior NCO Academy, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. (Distinguished Graduate)
- 2005 Chief Leadership Course, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
- 2006 Senior NCO Joint Professional Military Education by correspondence
- 2007 Expeditionary Mission Support Group Sr Leaders Course, Air Mobility Warfare Center, Ft Dix, N.J.
- 2008 Contingency Response Mission Orientation Leadership Crs, USAF Expeditionary Center, Ft Dix, N.J.
- 2008 USAF Senior Leadership Development Course, Center for Creative Leadership, Greensboro, N.C.
- 2009 USAF Enterprise Management Seminar, University of Virginia, Darden School of Business, Va.

## **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. May 1984 – July 1986, Consolidated Base Personnel Office Administration, 4401st Mission Support Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
2. July 1986 – July 1987, Air Traffic Control Administration, 1983d Communication Squadron, Thule AB, Greenland
3. July 1987 – February 1988, Assistant NCOIC of Administration, Radar Deputate, 602d Tactical Air Control Wing, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
4. February 1988 – October 1991, NCOIC, Unit Administration, 836th Mission Support Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. (April – August 1990, NCOIC, Operations Administration, Task Group Four Point Two, Joint Task Force Four, Key West, Florida; March – July 1991, Chief, Base Information Management, 4404th Tactical Fighter Wing (P), Saudi Arabia)
5. October 1991 – October 1992, NCOIC, Orderly Room, 8th Aircraft Generation Squadron, and Commander's Information Manager, 8th Mission Support Squadron Kunsan AB, Republic of Korea
6. October 1992 – June 1996, Base Publishing Distribution Manager, and Chief, Plans and Programs, Base Information Management Flight, 355th Mission Support Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
7. June 1996 – June 1997, NCOIC, Orderly Room, 355th Supply Squadron, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. (August – November 1996, NCOIC, Administration, 4409th Services Flt, Eskan Village, Saudi Arabia)
8. June 1997 – October 1998, Superintendent, Information Management, 355th Logistics Group, Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.
9. October 1998 – March 2002, Superintendent, Commander's Support Staff, and Assistant to the First Sergeant, 18th Maintenance Squadron, Kadena AB, Japan
10. March 2002 – December 2002, Wing Information Management Functional Manager, 22d Communication Squadron, McConnell AFB, Kan. (September – December 2002, Chief, Base Information Management and Postal Superintendent, Masirah Island AB, Oman)
11. Dec 2002 – May 2006, Superintendent, Wing Staff, 22d Air Refueling Wing, McConnell AFB, Kan.
12. May 2006 – April 2008, Superintendent, 14th Mission Support Group, Columbus AFB, Miss. (April – September 2007, Group Superintendent, 64th Air Expeditionary Group, Eskan Village, Saudi Arabia)
13. April 2008 – September 2009, Command Chief, 621st Contingency Response Wing, McGuire AFB, New Jersey
14. September 2009 – present, Command Chief, 376th Air Expeditionary Wing, Transit Center at Manas, Kyrgyz Republic

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
Joint Service Achievement Medal  
Air Force Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters  
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal  
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal  
Southwest Asia Service Medal with two bronze stars  
Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Kuwait)

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Airman First Class	April 10, 1984
Senior Airman	June 27, 1986
Sergeant	March 1, 1987
Staff Sergeant	July 1, 1987
Technical Sergeant	April 1, 1993
Master Sergeant	March 1, 1998
Senior Master Sergeant	December 1, 2002
Chief Master Sergeant	October 1, 2005

Current as of December 2009